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DEATH OF GENERAL BUFORD.

Wannamaker, Dec. 16, 1863.

General Buford expired this afternoon, at the residence of Major General Stoneman, after a protracted illness.

General Buford was born in Kentucky on the year 1817, and was educated in the adjoining State of Illinois.

He was appointed to the West Point Military Academy from the State of Kentucky in 1837, and after studying at that institution for four years, he graduated on June 30, 1841, standing fourth in his class, in which were the names of General McClellan and others of the Union army; T. N. Jackson, N. G. Evans and other rebel leaders.

He entered the United States regular army on July 1, 1841, as a brevet second lieutenant of dragoons, and was assigned to the First regiment of United States dragoons (now First regular cavalry), but during February, 1849, he was commissioned a full second lieutenant, and was transferred to the Second dragoons (now Second cavalry).

On the 9th of July, 1853, he was promoted to a first lieutenant, and in May, 1855, acted as regimental quartermaster. He was promoted to be captain on the 9th of March, 1859, holding the same rank when the regiment changed its name to the Second cavalry, in 1861.

On the 12th of November, 1861, he was appointed assistant adjutant general, with the rank of major, and performed these duties in the city of Washington. He was next placed in command of the cavalry under General Banks in the spring of 1862, and conducted a reconnaissance along the Rappahannock during June and July of that year.

During the operations of General Pope with the Army of Virginia General Buford was placed in command of the cavalry, and during the battle of Bull Run, he was wounded. After several weeks' illness he resumed his position with the Army of the Potomac, and during the month of February, 1863, was appointed to the command of the division of cavalry embracing the regular troops under General Stoneman. His appointment of brigadier general of volunteers was confirmed on the 9th of March, 1863.

During the latter part of April and beginning of May, 1863, he was engaged in the famous Stoneman's cavalry expedition that went around Lee's rebel army, posted in front of General Hooker's command, near the Rappahannock. The operations of his division were highly creditable to the forces and to its commanders, and after Hooker's army fell back across the river his troops were employed in guarding the roads from Morrisville, Va., to the Rapidan. This was during May, 1863.

On the 9th of June, 1863, General Buford commanded a division of cavalry—including the regulars—engaged in Meade's expedition to Beverly and Kelly's fords, where Stuart's rebel force were so roughly handled. He was afterwards engaged in the various cavalry operations along the vicinity of the Blue Ridge, during the rapid march of the Army of the Potomac to and across the river. He harassed the rebels previous to the battle of Gettysburg, and operated on their right flank during those contests. He also, after the rebels had retreated, harassed their rear guard and flanks to a fearful extent, and portions of his command were continually engaged in skirmishing until the rebels had retreated far down into Virginia. It is reported that forty days the command was engaged in over half as many contests, small and great.

During the recent operations of the Army of the Potomac, under General Meade, General Buford and the other cavalry forces acted on the flanks of the army, rendering efficient service in their respective capacities.

General Buford was one of the most energetic as well as one of the bravest cavalry officers in our army. He scarcely ever slept in a tent, but wrapped himself up in his blanket and laid down in front of a big fire, and thus was ever ready for any emergency. If there was one man in our army more hated and feared than another by the rebels, that man was Brigadier General John Buford. On one occasion a rebel prisoner was brought in by one of the pickets and taken before the General. He appeared, despite his rage, to be an intelligent man; but it was really amusing to witness the look of scorn he gave the General. When being questioned by him he remarked: "I know you well enough, you are John Buford of Kentucky; you had better not let General Lee get a hold of you." General Buford laughed at the threat. But there is, unfortunately for us, no chance of General Lee ever getting him in his clutches.

The President conferred upon General Buford the rank of major general only a short time before his death, as will be seen by the preceding announcement.

Our Culpeper Correspondence.

Culpeper, C. H., Va., Dec. 16, 1863.

The intelligence of the death of General Buford has just reached here. His command is enshrouded in gloom. No officer was more beloved by officers and men, and none can be more sincerely mourned for. His loss has saddened the eyes of the veterans as well as gallantly led to victory or defeat.

Mr. N. Davidson's Despatch.

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 16, 1863.

The news of the death of Brigadier General John Buford, just received here, has occasioned the deepest grief throughout the First cavalry division, which he commanded. Every man loved him as a father, and placed the utmost confidence in him as a commander and a soldier. He was undoubtedly the finest cavalry officer in the service, and wherever he led the way every man of his command was eager to follow. Always cool in action, just in his discipline, kind to his subordinates, and brave before the enemy, he was beloved by all his friends and feared by his enemies. The whole division staff has applied for leave to proceed to Washington to pay the last tribute of respect to his remains.

Fatal Railroad Accidents.

Captain Gammell, of the Eleventh Massachusetts, and his wife, killed.

Boston, Dec. 16, 1863.

Captain Albert M. Gammell, of the Eleventh Massachusetts regiment, and his wife, were instantly killed at the crossing near Chelsea station, this forenoon, by the Eastern Railroad train coming in collision with their car.

Chas. G. arrived home on Monday on a brief furlough. He was a gallant and meritorious officer. The report first was that Colonel Gammell was the gentleman killed.

A SOLDIER KILLED AND ANOTHER BADLY INJURED.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16, 1863.

The train from New York, due at the Kensington depot at eleven o'clock last night, did not arrive until two o'clock this morning. The delay was caused by an accident near Trenton, by which the locomotive and flat car became detached from the rest of the train. The engine backed up after the other portion, and the latter running at a pretty rapid rate a collision resulted. Two recruits, standing on the platform, on their way to Trenton, named Anne Whitmore and John J. Miller, were thrown off the train. The former has since died. The latter is badly injured.

News from San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 16, 1863.

Arrived steamer Oregon with \$118,000 in treasure from Oregon, and \$27,000 from British Columbia.

Shipped ship Welles Cummings, New York, carrying five thousand sacks of barley, five thousand sacks of corn, fifteen thousand bushels, two hundred and eighty cases of oil, one hundred and thirty cases of California wine, and one hundred and seven barrels of wheat.

Personal Intelligence.

Dr. Rogers, the Mexican Minister, has been stopping at the Tremont House for the last week. He will return to Washington today.

THE ARMY OF THE OHIO.

Fight Between Longstreet and Shackleford's Forces at Bear Station.

Our Troops Driven Back by the Rebels.

ANOTHER FIGHT EXPECTED ON TUESDAY.

Mr. James C. Fitzpatrick's Despatch.

RENNESSE, Tenn., Dec. 14, 1863.

Between two and three o'clock this afternoon the force of Longstreet turned upon and attacked our pursuing column of cavalry, under the command of Shackleford.

Line of battle was formed at Bear Station, on the Cumberland Gap and Morristown road, and a fight ensued which continued until midnight, when the rebels had succeeded in driving us about half a mile.

Colonel Woolford, Graham, Foster and others were engaged.

The morning was very heavy.

Our loss, as far as I can ascertain, is about twenty-five.

We have taken some prisoners belonging to the rebel General Gracie's brigade.

The whole movement was made with a well contrived plan to cut off and capture General Shackleford and his command, and a heavy force of rebel cavalry moved down the left bank of the Holston river, with the intention of crossing at Keely's Ford and coming in on our rear.

This portion of the programme was checked by General Ferrero, who sent the brigade of General Humphreys to hold the ford. The rebels fired across the river with artillery upon the brigade, but with little effect.

We expect a considerable fight to-morrow.

INTERESTING FROM WESTERN VIRGINIA.

Mr. T. C. Wilson's Despatches.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 16, 1863.

We have information that a detachment of the Twelfth Pennsylvania cavalry, while on a scout ordered by General Kelly, destroyed a foundry at Edinburg, in the Shenandoah valley. The rebels were using the foundry for the preparation of iron, to be sent to Richmond, and, as reported, used in the construction of gunboats.

The loss of the use of the foundry will be to the rebels a considerable annoyance.

HEADQUARTERS, IN THE FIELD.

WESTERN VIRGINIA, Dec. 15, 1863.

A portion of the troops, under command of Colonel Wells, and from General Sullivan's column, had severe skirmishing yesterday near, and at beyond Strasburg. Colonel Wells took some thirty prisoners, a portion of these belonging to Ewell's corps.

There is indication that the enemy has, or is trying to reinforce Imboden, in the Shenandoah valley. The reason for this will soon be apparent.

A BLOCKADE RUNNER DESTROYED.

Our Beaufort Correspondence.

Beaufort, N. C., Dec. 2, 1863.

The blockade runner *Cornwall*, a vessel of 200 tons, was destroyed by the U. S. S. *Albatross*, on the 29th of November.

Since the late raid on the blockade runners of New-England everything has been apparently quiet, until the night before last, when another blockade runner, attempting to run, ran on the southern side of Smith's Island. She was discovered quite early the next morning by the fleet blockading the western bar, and the *Aries* and *Violet* immediately proceeded towards her, and, though the battery and Fort Tuxedo on the mainland, and a park of two pieces on Smith's Island, opened fire on our vessels and the blockade runner, they succeeded in boarding her, but not until the rebels had effectively set fire to her. Efforts were made by the officers in command of the two vessels to arrest the progress of the flames, and to get her off the beach, but it proving unsuccessful, they abandoned her to the flames. The vessel was, in fact, evidently just off the stocks, and was taken with steam, blankets, bed and other uniform stuff, known in England, I believe, under the name of *Malton* cloth. Through the night it blew a furious gale of wind from the northwest, and about four A. M. all the fleet was ordered to anchor in the sound, and the strange spectacle presented itself to them: a burning steamer, drifting slowly down towards the shore, and the fleet of blockading vessels, with their guns pointed at the burning steamer. The vessel was, in fact, a blockade runner, and was taken with steam, blankets, bed and other uniform stuff, known in England, I believe, under the name of *Malton* cloth. Through the night it blew a furious gale of wind from the northwest, and about four A. M. all the fleet was ordered to anchor in the sound, and the strange spectacle presented itself to them: a burning steamer, drifting slowly down towards the shore, and the fleet of blockading vessels, with their guns pointed at the burning steamer. 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